

The Commission's own determinations, as well as a significant body of public comment, from the Proceedings in both 1990 and 1999, as referenced in the NCI Petition, clearly demonstrate that a Morse proficiency test requirement is unnecessary and undesirable, in that:

It does not comport with the basis and purpose of the Amateur Radio Service.

It acts as a barrier to entry or advancement to otherwise qualified persons.

It is not necessarily indicative of an individual's ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.

It does not provide any indication of the examinee's good character, high intelligence, cooperative demeanor, or willingness to comply with the Commission's rules.

It no longer continues to serve a regulatory purpose.

It otherwise does not serve the public interest and necessity.

With this in mind the need to eliminate morse code from amateur privldges needs to be done so that the hobby can be expanded to all. The need to enhance and expand the participation in amateur radio is great, as the code has the majority of participants un interested and unwilling to learn code (another language) for the sole purpose of obtaining privldges for which they have no interest, or desire to use the language they were forced to learn. Other countries have noticed the same, and have reacted accordingly. The U.S. should be the leader and the benchmark not the tail that follows the dog. Please remove the code requiorment so that many more young and old alike can enjoy amateur privldges.

Thank You. Respectfully submitted,

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